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WATER AWARENESS MONTH

May was Water Awareness Month and the District traditionally hosts an Open House event at the Administrative Office. The goal of TCWD's annual Open House is to demonstrate how we assure high water quality, how water is delivered to your home, and showcase some of our equipment for fun photo opportunities.

This year, TCWD had the opportunity to host two events during the same week at the same facility: The new Trabuco Creek Wells Facility. This was the site of the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony of the new facility and also, the 2011 TCWD Open House.



Supervisor Campbell, TCWD Board of Directors, and General Manager

On Friday, May 6th, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dedication Ceremony occurred. The event was

well attended by community leaders, District staff, as well as the consultants and contractors who were integral in the design and construction of this facility. TCWD Vice President Ed Mandich spoke about the history of the wells site and the reasons behind the construction of the new facility. Also, County of Orange Supervisor Bill Campbell presented the District and Board of Directors with a certificate recognizing TCWD's dedication to preserving local water resources.



Board Vice President Ed Mandich performing the Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting

On the following day, at the same facility, the District held its 2011 Open House celebration. This event was an opportunity for the public to see what the facility does, and how it treats the water supply in both the Rose and Lang Wells. District staff members were on hand to explain how the pumps draw the water from the wells and show the path the water takes as it goes through the filtration process.

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Some of the exciting features of the event included a photographic timeline of the project's history, which showed before and after pictures, including original design renderings. There was an opportunity for the public to see the advanced facility and operational computer software. Also, District vehicles were on site for fun family photos.

The District received many compliments about the facility, particularly from canyon area residents, regarding the extraordinary attempt to make such a modern, state of the art facility blend in with the look and feel of a rural canyon area.



TCWD Operator Phil Serpas explains the facility's filtration equipment to attendees.

Of course, this year's Open House would not be complete without a lunchtime barbeque. The Canyon backdrop made for an enjoyable afternoon for all the attendees.

TCWD would like to thank all of those who contributed to make these events possible, and hopes that all those in attendance enjoyed themselves. The TCWD Board and Staff look forward to next year's event, and hope you can attend.

2010 WINTER STORM FEMA UPDATE

TCWD staff members have completed the formal documentation submittal process with both FEMA and CalEMA representatives for the reimbursement of the 2010 Storm damage project costs. As the final remaining projects are nearly complete, state and federal funds will be submitted to the District to restore the spent monies. District staff members fully

expect to receive the total amount of reimbursable funds within the next twelve months.

FACILITY RENTAL

The District's public meeting room in the Administration Facility is available for event rental to individuals or groups on weekdays, evenings, and weekends. The room can be set up in many different configurations to meet the needs of your specific event and has a caterer-friendly kitchen. Tables, chairs, audio and electronic equipment are available for an additional fee.

If you are interested in using the public meeting room, we invite you to visit the District website at www.tcwd.ca.gov or stop by the Main Office to see this impressive facility before planning your next party.

TCWD's ONLINE BILL PAY

TCWD is pleased to announce that as a result of recent computer system upgrades at the District, online bill pay is just around the corner! This has been a frequent request of District customers to our Customer Service Representatives. The online payment site is scheduled to launch on July 1. We will continue to keep you updated on this prospect.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Regular Board of Directors Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District's office located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon. The public is encouraged to attend.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board Meeting was held on May 20, 2011, and the following items are highlights from the Meeting:

- Direction to staff regarding Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Water Standby Assessment and Public Hearing
- Status update relating to Storm Damage
- Discussion and Action relating to 2010 Urban Water Management Plan
- Status update relating to the Trabuco Creek Wells Facility.
- Discussion and Action relating to TCWD Budget Development Process Review

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